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Notes on Stennis Subcommittee Interim Report

p. 4: 4(a) The last sentence is new, replacing a reference to planning for possible invasion which we insisted be cut on security grounds.

4(b) Subcommittee staff declined to accept an accuracy insertion: "estimated that there were a minimum of 8,000 to 10,000 . . ." arguing that the intelligence chiefs in their testimony had made no such qualification. Same applies on page 14.

p. 6: 10: The underlined portion is the staff editorial revision to meet changes we had requested; it is a little more dubious than what we asked, but in general answers the objections we raised. We had suggested the following changes in the original:

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p. 12, top paragraph: This is the paragraph we had deleted for security grounds with specific reference to 33 known missiles. They nailed us with Mr. Gilpatrick's statement.

p. 17: The staff has failed to make a security cut at this point to which they had agreed throughout, namely, the frequency of U-2 overflights. We had managed to convince them that we see no reason to assume, prior to emplacement of Soviet radar, that the Cubans could detect all U-2 flights. The damage of this slip-up is somewhat minimized, however, by the fact that this doesn't say--as other passages did--how far back the two-a-month authorization went. It could be read as applicable to August and September, where the record is already public knowledge. The section heading refers to the period Mid-July to 22 October.

p. 25, line 14: The words "large and" have been inserted since CIA/DIA last saw the statement. No great difference. The sentence added at the end of the paragraph is also new, but is properly made a Subcommittee judgment.

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p. 26, first paragraph: We have done better here than we expected to. On the basis of information in JAYNE's, the draft had a flat statement that the MIG-21 is "equipped with infra-red seeking, homing missiles similar to our SIDEWINDER." Subcommittee has inserted a "probably" and described them simply as air-to-air missiles.